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Speaker Telcser: "The House will come to order, and will the Members please be in their seats? The House will be read...in prayer this morning by Father Charles Mulcrone from the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception in Springfield, Illinois."

Father Mulcrone: "Let us pray. Our Heavenly Father, we take just a moment on this very happy occasion to place ourselves in Your presence, to acknowledge that You are our God, we are Your people. We want to thank You for the many blessings You have bestowed upon us as a people, the many resources with which You have endowed our great nation. And we thank You for being part of a country where we can have a voice in the affairs of our government. We want to thank the men and the women who are present here who give so much of themselves in the service of the public, who make many sacrifices for their brothers and sisters in this state. Bless them and bless their families. And, Heavenly Father, we ask You to send the light of Your spirit upon them in the important deliberations they are asked to make. From our hearts we offer You this prayer. Amen."

Speaker Telcser: "Thank you very much, Father. I know that all the Members in their prayers are also remembering Representative Huskey who is recovering from open heart surgery. The Pledge of Allegiance will be led this morning by Representative Collins."

Collins - et al: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

Speaker Telcser: "Now for the Members' information, we will be coming back at the hour of 1:30 this afternoon, at which time we will have Party conferences. After the Party

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conferences are over and we're back up on the floor, we will then take the Attendance Roll Call. I would also like to announce to the Members that the House is in receipt today of a letter which I would like to share with each and every one of you. Would the Clerk read the letter from Speaker Ryan?"

Clerk Leone: "Letter from Speaker Ryan. 'Dear Clerk Leone, Please be advised that I hereby resign my office of Representative in the General Assembly and Speaker of the House of Representatives effective Monday, January 10, 1983 at 11:00 a.m. Sincerely, George H. Ryan, Speaker of the House.'" "

Speaker Telcser: "Okay, I'm also advised by counsel to the Speaker as well as counsel to the Minority Leader that the resignation of Speaker George Ryan could present questions of constitutional infirmity to actions taken while the General Assembly, while the 82nd General Assembly is still in Session. To avoid any such questions, I am further advised that a special election for Speaker of the House should be conducted. So pursuant to Constitutional Article IV, Section 6 (B), the Secretary of State will preside at the hour of 2 p.m. for the purpose of conducting the election of Speaker to serve until the 83rd General Assembly is organized and a new Speaker is elected. With no further business, the House will now stand in recess until the hour of 1:30 this afternoon. No nominations until 2:00 o'clock."

Unknown: "'Sidler'. Mark's his father. It's David 'Sidler'."

Speaker Telcser: "Ladies and Gentlemen, the House will come to order for a moment. As we announced earlier, we'll recess for Party conferences. Representative Friedrich, for what purpose do you rise?"

Friedrich: "To announce that the Republican conference will be in

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room 114, notwithstanding an earlier announcement, I think."

Speaker Telcser: "Okay, the Republican conference will be in room 114. Representative Greiman. Representative Greiman announces that the Democratic conference will be in room 118, and we'll be back up on the floor in about a quarter after...oh, about ten after two or a quarter after two. Is that enough time, Representative? More than enough? Okay, the House will stand in recess until the hour of 2:15."

Clerk Leone: "Could I have your attention please? For the purpose of conducting a special election for Speaker to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Lieutenant Governor George H. Ryan, I present to you the Honorable Secretary of State, Jim Edgar."

Secretary Edgar: "Thank you. The House will be in order. Roll Call for Attendance. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Telcser, for the purpose of an introduction."

Telcser: "Mr. Speaker and Members of the House, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce our newest Member, a long time friend of mine, and I know most of you have worked with him in the past. He's taking the seat of Lieutenant Governor Ryan who resigned as of this morning. I give to you my good friend, Mayor of Kankakee, George's brother, the Honorable Tom Ryan."

Secretary Edgar: "Mr. Clerk, has the oath of office been filed?"

Clerk Leone: "The oaths of office is filed."

Secretary Edgar: "Welcome to the General Assembly to the House of Representatives for the 82nd...82nd Session, Representative Ryan. You want to make a speech?"

Ryan: "I'm proud to serve the remainder of my brother's term in the House."

Secretary Edgar: "That's a lot better speech than your brother

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ever gave. Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Have all voted who wish? Take the record, Mr. Clerk. With 160 Members answering the Roll, the House is in Session, and the quorum is present. As Secretary of State, I have received a letter of resignation from Speaker George Ryan, and pursuant to Article IV, Section 6 (B) of the Illinois Constitution, we will now proceed with the election of Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives for the remainder of the 82nd General Assembly. Will all authorized persons...unauthorized persons please leave the floor, and Members be in your seat? Would all unauthorized Members please leave the floor...or people please leave the floor, and Members be in your seat so we can move on to this important business? Okay, while we're getting ready, I might ask that our new Member, Representative Ryan's family, would they please stand to be recognized? Alright, are we ready? Ready to go? We're now open for nominations for Speaker of the Illinois House. Representative Peters."

Peters: "Yes, Mr. Speaker."

Secretary Edgar: "I understand you have a nomination."

Peters: "I'm take...Oh, I was taken by surprise for a minute."

Secretary Edgar: "Well, we don't have to do this. I've always wanted to be Speaker."

Peters: "I think we've got Carter checking into the pension laws, Mr. Speaker, and if we could hold this off for you till tomorrow, we might be able to work something out."

Secretary Edgar: "You're going to have to bring the age down an awful lot."

Peters: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, at the inaugural this morning, we were reminded by the Chairman of the Inaugural Committee, as well as by the ministers attending and the Governor, of the historic nature of this

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past election. It is indeed historic in a lot of ways. The Governor has been elected for a third term, a first in our history. The Secretary of State, first in our history to have been elected after having been appointed. A first in our history in that this House, after Wednesday, will have 59 less Members, and a new method and manner of electing the men and women who will serve in this part of the General Assembly in the future. It is indeed historic. It is indeed changes that all of us will have to end up grappling with. It is also historic in that in the first time in 14 years, this coming two years, Art Telcser will not be in Leadership. The fact he will not be in Leadership is very historic, for those of you who want to think about that for a second or two. He has survived in this chamber for 14 years, seven terms - I think, if I'm right - in Leadership, through various Speakers, through various Minority Leaders, through various comings and goings on both sides of the aisle. He has survived what he has, in a sense, done for all of us here in terms of what I feel are not really the perks, because we shouldn't call them perks, but the things that the people of this chamber are entitled to in terms of remuneration, in terms of maintaining their office, in terms of how they can look forward to their future when we leave here. All of us sitting here, for that, owe Art Telcser a deep grat...debt of gratitude, because many of us, although in total and absolute agreement with what Art tried to do, not only...not so much for the Members here, but for this institution, we supported, but many times were afraid to stand and vote for. Those of us who have been privileged to work in Leadership, and those of us who, in fact, have been privileged to be here in the House, know of the many dedicated years Art Telcser has put into this General

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Assembly. He has been a strong and fierce partisan when he had to be, and he has been the compromising healer when that situation called for it. That, to me, has always been what I think all of us in this Assembly should strive for, to fight for those programs and principles that we believe are needed and necessary for the people of the State of Illinois, but to understand that this legislative forum, this legislative forum, this House, represents probably democracy in its purest and best form. And democracy in its purest and best form means pluralism. It means pluralism from downstate and upstate, from the farms, from the urban areas, from the factories, from the law offices, from the pharmacies, from the factory lines, men and women, young and old, veterans and non-veterans. All of those ideas, all of those backgrounds, all of those very cultures come here and mix. And out of this, somehow we hope the law comes to help and benefit the people of the State of Illinois. And when we have moved forward with those laws to benefit the people of the State of Illinois, it has been because there have been people like Art Telcser, and he has taken the lead in many of these instances who are willing to say we must compromise, we must heal, we must work. There is another day to fight for the next part of the program, but today we must heal. Today we must compromise. He never, never moved away from his constituency and from what his constituents needed. He never moved away, really, from the interests of the people he represented in the City of Chicago. But at the same time, he really never gave away the interests of the people of the other parts of the state. It was a great privilege for me to work with Art, to be with Art these many years. I think of him in a very dear regard, not only as a close political friend, but as a friend in the truest sense of the meaning of that word.

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And I feel that those of you who have had the opportunity to work with Art and know him would echo the comments that I had made. Historic day today, yes. Those of us that served in the chamber and those of us who had fought for one cause or another loudly or quietly had in the back of our minds maybe, not maybe but truly in years ago, that Art Telcser certainly would be a great candidate for Speaker of the Illinois House. But there are always those who said you cannot elect a Republican from the City of Chicago as Speaker, and there were those who said, maybe out of practicality, maybe out of ignorance for whatever reasons, you could never elect a Jewish Republican out of the City of Chicago as Speaker. So time...so time has rolled...and so time has rolled, and so time has come, and so time has come. And in the strange ironies of life, today, in spite of all that has been said in the past and this historic day today, we are here today, and I am pleased to place in nomination, the name of my friend, our Majority Leader, a Jewish Republican from the City of Chicago, for Speaker of the Illinois House. A first time, a historic time, one more first for us, a great beginning for us all in a lot of new things. And all of those years that Art has been with us and I have been with him - and I said this on the House floor once before, but I repeat it one more time, because it applies not only to him, but it applies to all of us here whose wives and husbands have shared the sorrow, and the sacrifice, and the disappointment and the joys that we all have felt as Members of this House - to his wife, Dorothy, I say thank you, Dorothy, for sharing Arthur with us, for sharing him with me as his roommate for these last eight years. A new historic day. I'm turning over a new leaf, and I am reminded, Dorothy, of a quote, and I close with this, Mr. Speaker, which comes from the Old Testament

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in the Book of Ruth which applies to you, I feel, and applies to Art. 'Wither Thou goest, I will go. Wither Thou lodgest, I will lodge. Thy people shall be my people, and Thy God shall be my God. So it is till the end of time.' Mr. Secretary, I am privileged and pleased to place the nomination for the Office of Speaker of the Illinois House, the name of Arthur Telcser."

Secretary Edgar: "Is there a second to the nomination of Representative Arthur Telcser for Speaker of the House? The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Daniels."

Daniels: "Well, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, we searched high and low for the right candidate for Speaker of the House, and fortunately we were able to go to Chicago during this Session of the General Assembly. Now you from Chicago in the next Session, we're going to have a little more problem finding a Speaker on the Republican side from the City of Chicago. But we feel and we know that all of the service, all of the years that Art Telcser has given to this Body, to the people of Illinois and the people of his district, speak and demand that Art Telcser be the Speaker of the Illinois House. And it is because of the honor that he has brought to this Body, to his family, to his wife, Dorothy, and to all of us that I am proud to stand to second the nomination for Speaker Art Telcser, Speaker of the House of the Illinois General Assembly. Congratulations, Art."

Secretary Edgar: "The Chair recognizes the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Madigan, to second the nomination."

Madigan: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I have risen on this floor in the past to speak to the ability and qualifications of Representative Telcser as a legislative leader. I have said before, and I will say again today, that in my judgement, Art Telcser is clearly one of the

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most outstanding legislative leaders in Illinois, that for several years, he has been a great credit to his political Party, to the City that he represents and especially to his family. I have known him from the very beginning of my legislative career, and as I said previously at a testimonial dinner in his honor, I learned a great deal from Art Telcser over the years, not that he wanted to teach me any of it. It's just I learned by trial and error. I think it is very fitting that at this point in his career when, by action of a referendum vote of the people, his opportunity to serve in this chamber, which he has cherished for so long, has been denied him. I think it is appropriate that Art become the Speaker of the House. And for that purpose, Mr. Speaker, I would rise to second that nomination, and I would further move, Mr. Speaker, that the Roll Call vote in favor of Mr. Telcser be by acclamation."

Secretary Edgar: "Are there any further nominations for Speaker of the House? Hearing none, the nominations are closed. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Madigan, moves that the House, by acclamation, elect Representative Arthur Telcser Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives. All those in favor say 'aye', opposed. The 'ayes' have it. It is my honor to announce that the new Speaker of the Illinois House of Representatives is my good friend, the Honorable Arthur Telcser. Would the Speaker elect please come forward? Taking part in this ceremony, swearing in the new Speaker, is a newly appointed notary in the State of Illinois, Lieutenant Governor George Ryan. He's got to get the oath down first. While we're waiting, let me just...also, if I might, this will be my last chance. I don't think we're going to have any more Speakers during the 82nd General Assembly, say that those of you that I

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won't have the chance to officially greet Wednesday, wish you well in your upcoming endeavor. Now it is my honor also to introduce the power behind the throne now, Dorothy Telcser, who will hold the family...or family Bibles. Okay."

Ryan: "Would you raise your right hand, please, and repeat after me. I, and your full name."

Telcser: "I, Arthur A. Telcser."

Ryan: "Do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States."

Telcser: "Do solemnly swear that I will support the Constitution of the United States."

Ryan: "And the Constitution of the State of Illinois."

Telcser: "And the Constitution of the State of Illinois."

Ryan: "And that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Speaker of the House."

Telcser: "And that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the Office of Speaker of the House."

Ryan: "Of Representatives of the 82nd General Assembly."

Telcser: "Of Representatives of the 82nd General Assembly."

Ryan: "To the best of my ability."

Telcser: "To the best of my ability."

Ryan: "Congratulations, Speaker."

Speaker Telcser: "Thanks, George."

Ryan: "Another first, I might add, by acclamation."

Secretary Edgar: "It is my privilege to introduce your new Speaker of the House, Representative Art Telcser."

Speaker Telcser: "Thanks, Jim. Pete, Lee, Mike, Members and friends, as most of you know, I've always treasured this magnificent institution which we call the Legislature. And I can't think of a greater honor that could have been bestowed upon me than to have the privilege of serving my last few days in this Body as Speaker of the House. I

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shall remember this day for the rest of my life, and I shall forever be indebted to each and every one of you for giving Dorothy and I this magnificent honor and opportunity. So I thank you, each and every one of you, from the bottom of my heart. Mr. Secretary, I thank you also for everything you've done from the early days when we served together and you were a staffer and a colleague of mine, and I understand you're having a reception from three to five. Everyone is invited to a reception in the Hall of Flags, which Secretary Edgar has invited us all to attend. Now, let's see if we have a little business for today. Let us also clarify one point in the law, that for the purposes of the remainder of the 82nd General Assembly, Representative Madigan will continue to serve as the Minority Leader. I knew we had something really important to do today, and that was it. Do we have leave of the Body to grant Representative Madigan that privilege? Hearing no objections, leave is granted. Representative Madigan will serve as Minority Leader for the remainder of the Session. Need a fast gavel for that one, Mike? The Gentleman from DeWitt, Representative Vinson, for what purpose do you rise?"

Vinson: "Thank you, Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House. For the last several years I've been privileged to sit next to Representative Daniels from DuPage County, and I've learned a lot from him in that respect. But never have I enjoyed that privilege as much as today when seated between the two of us is his wife, Pam Daniels. And I would ask her to stand and be introduced to the chamber. Thank you."

Speaker Telcser: "Mr. Clerk, do you have Agreed Resolutions? Agreed."

Clerk Leone: "Senate Joint Resolution 115, Emil Jones. House

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Resolution 1324, Madigan. 1327, Vinson. 1328, Daniels.
1330, Neff. 1332, Pechous - Kociolko - Topinka. 1334,
Macdonald. 1335, Stanley - McAuliffe. 1336, Currie - et
al. 1337, Friedrich - et al. 1338, Currie - et al."

Speaker Telcser: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Conti."

Conti: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, Senate
Joint Resolution #115, Emil Jones - et al. Samuel A.
Goldsmith will celebrate his 90th birthday on December 13,
1982. House Resolution 1324, Madigan - et al. Mrs. Angelo
Armonda of Chicago recently celebrated her 57th wedding
anniversary. House Resolution 1327 sponsored by Sam
Vinson. Alfred O. Jacob celebrated his 80th birthday on
January 9, 1983. House Resolution 1328 by Lee Daniels.
Where Tim and Linda Taebel generously donated \$75,000 to
the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation of Chicago demonstrating
their commitment to the foundation work on behalf of
thousands of diabetic Americans. House Resolution 13...by
Neff. Lavern McDavitt of Knoxville recently celebrated her
95th birthday. House Resolution 1332, where it has come to
the attention of this Legislative Body that Peter Lenar
will receive the Eagle Scout Award on January 23, 1983.
House Resolution 1334 by Macdonald. John Roy Gibbons of
Gillespie was born on January 6, 1983. In addition to his
50 years of work in the coal mines of southern Illinois,
Mr. Gibbons served as Justice of the Peace in Gillespie
Township from 49 to 53. House Resolution 1335, Stanley and
McAuliffe. Where Stanley Cywinski of Chicago has devoted
the last 15 years of his life to the services of the
citizens of Cook County and of this state. And at the age
of 72, Cywinski takes an active vital role in the life of
his community and many peers have chosen a sedate lifestyle
of less social productivity. House Resolution 1336 by
Peters continues the nutrition and...of pregnant women and

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children...of the surveillance of pregnant women and children. House Resolution 1337 by Friedrich and Peters is a continued Resolution of health and education. House Joint Resolution 1338 by Currie and Peters. It's a call of women and children's program not to include the high sugar cereals, a supplemental food program for women and infants and children, supplies necessary food, nutritional supplements to the diets of disadvantaged mothers with young children. House Resolution 1339, DiPrima - Madiqan - Telcser - Giorgi - Conti and all Members, where Charles LoVerde, Jr. will be honored as Man of the Year by the Joint Civic Committee of Americans...Italian American at its annual dinner on Saturday night, January 29. Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I move for the adoption of the Resolutions."

Speaker Telcser: "Any discussion? The Gentleman offers and moves the adoption of Agreed Resolutions. All in favor signify by saying 'aye', opposed 'no'. The Resolutions are adopted. Rep...the Gentleman from Cook, Representative Conti."

Conti: "Before we do away with the Resolutions, we have a Death Resolution. I'd like to be recognized for that before you adjourn."

Speaker Telcser: "We'll do that, Representative. The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Conti, for what purpose do you rise?"

Conti: "Well, Mr. Speaker and Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, we have the privilege of having an outstanding Legislator today celebrate her anniversary, her birthday anniversary, Representative Eugenia Chapman on the other side of the aisle, and that's what the balloons are for. Many, many happy birthdays to come."

Speaker Telcser: "Messages from the Senate."

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Clerk Leone: "A Message from the Senate by Mr. Wright, Secretary.

"Mr. Speaker, I am directed to inform the House of Representatives that the Senate has refused to concur with the House in the adoption of their Amendment to the Bill, the following title to wit: Senate Bill 1324, together with House Amendment #1 to Senate Bill 1324. Kenneth Wright, Secretary."

Speaker Telcser: "The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Daniels."

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I am advised by the Clerk that Senate Bill 1324 did not appear on the Calendar. So, I would move to suspend the Calendar requirements, and then I move to refuse to recede from the House Amendments and ask that a Conference Committee be appointed so that this Bill can be placed in Conference Committee. We've checked with Representative Madigan, and he has no objections to this."

Speaker Telcser: "Are there any objections? Hearing none, the Gentleman asks leave to suspend the posting rules for the purposes of hearing his Motion in connection with Senate Bill 1324. Are there any objections? The Gentleman has leave? Leave has been granted. The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Daniels."

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and the House, I move to refuse to recede from House Amendments to Senate Bill 1324 and ask that a Conference Committee be appointed."

Speaker Telcser: "The Gentleman has moved that the House refuse to recede from House Amendments to Senate Bill 1324. All in favor signify by saying 'aye', opposed 'no'. The House refuses to recede, and the Bill will be put into a Conference Committee. Are there any excused absences, Representative Daniels?"

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, let the

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record show that Representative Fawell is absent due to illness."

Speaker Telcser: "The record will so show. Representative Getty, do you have any excused absences today?"

Getty: "Mr. Speaker, may the record indicate that Representative Ellis Levin is excused because of legislative business. Representative Jack Carey is excused due to illness in the family. Representative Domico due to illness, and Representative Yourell due to illness in the family."

Speaker Telcser: "The record will so show. Representative Daniels, some more excused absences?"

Daniels: "Would the record show that Representative Huskey is excused due to illness as well?"

Speaker Telcser: "The record will so show. Anyone else? Death Resolutions."

Clerk Leone: "House Resolution 1325, in respect to the memory...House Resolution 1326, in respect to the memory of William L. Watson. House Resolution 1329, in respect to the memory of Woodward (sic - Woodrow) Kull. House Resolution 1331, in respect to the memory of Marion Rea. House Resolution 1333, in respect to...no further."

Speaker Telcser: "The Gentleman from Cook, Representative Conti."

Conti: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, I move for the adoption of all the Death Resolutions with the exception of the last one, House Resolution 1333. John Vitek asked me if I'd ask leave of the House that all Members be included on the Death Resolution of the editor of the Bridgeport News who's been editor for the last 45 years. John Vitek got him his job there 45 years ago. So asking for leave of the House so all Members be included on that Death Resolution."

Speaker Telcser: "Are there any objections? Hearing none, leave has been granted. The Gentleman offers and moves the

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adoption of the Death Resolutions. All in favor signify by saying 'aye', opposed 'no'. The Resolutions are adopted. The Gentleman from DuPage, Representative Daniels."

Daniels: "Mr. Speaker, Ladies and Gentlemen of the House, being there's no further business, I would move to stand in adjournment till tomorrow morning, ten o'clock."

Speaker Telcser: "The Gentleman moves that the House stand adjourned until tomorrow morning at 10 a.m. All in favor signify by saying 'aye', opposed 'no'. The House stands adjourned until 10 a.m."

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